

The Hon. John H. Chun

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff

v.

ANTENEH TESFAYE,  
Defendant.

NO. CR24-217-JHC

**ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL**

The Court has considered the parties' Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial, which requests a continuance of the trial date and the pretrial motions deadline.

THE COURT FINDS that the failure to grant a continuance of the trial date would result in a miscarriage of justice, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that this case is complex, as it arises from a nearly two-year investigation and there is a significant volume of discovery that has been produced and is to be produced. Therefore, it is unreasonable to expect the parties to adequately prepare, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), for pretrial proceedings or the trial itself as currently set. Specifically, parties' briefing reflects the extensive discovery already produced—more than 12,000 pages—which includes legal process obtained in the investigation (e.g., search warrants, T-III pleadings), line sheets

1 reflecting pertinent intercepts from all three periods of T-III interception, surveillance  
2 photos, search photos, and HSI reports reflecting investigative events through  
3 approximately the end of September 2024. In addition, there remains to be produced  
4 additional supplemental reports, photos from the searches conducted on October 30,  
5 2024, cell phone extractions, video from pole cameras, location data for cell phones and  
6 vehicles, and reports and materials generated by agencies other than HSI that have been  
7 involved in the investigation. Given the scope and complexity of the underlying  
8 investigation, this case may also raise novel questions of law and fact.

9 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the failure to grant a continuance of the trial  
10 date and pretrial motions deadline would deny defense counsel the reasonable time  
11 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,  
12 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

13 THE COURT FINDS, therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(6) and  
14 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice will best be served by a continuance, and that they  
15 outweigh the interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date will be  
17 continued until June 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The period of delay from the date of this order  
18 to the new trial date is excludable time pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pretrial motions will be filed no later than  
20 April 21, 2025.

21 IT IS ORDERED.

22 DATED this 11th day of December, 2024.

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25 THE HON. JOHN H. CHUN  
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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